GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RE-EMERGENCE OF MALARIA
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the re-emergence of Malaria being reported from various parts of the country including Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have sent any Expert Teams to the States to ascertain the exact causes of the disease;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the preventive measures taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(e): According to the reports received from the State Health Authorities, the total incidence of Malaria remained between 2-3 Million annually in the country since 1985. The State of Kerala has shown gradual declining trend of malaria incidence over the past five years.

Whenever required, expert teams from Central Government are deputed to the affected States to provide technical guidance and assist them to undertake containment measures.

Preventive measures taken/being taken for control of malaria are as under:-

- Early case detection and prompt treatment
- Selective vector control
- Promotion of personal protection methods.
- Early detection and containment of epidemics
- Information, Education and Communication towards personal prevention and community participation
- Institutional and Management Capacity Building, Trained Manpower Development and efficient Management Information System (MIS).
- Issuance of advance warning to States/UTs suggesting all the preventive and control measures.